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No salt barn in Davidsonville! It's official!

Many thanks to our elected officials who got the message and responded to their constituents' wishes! Council member Jerry Walker telephoned Mark Scible on Monday, November 2, to give him the good news. It spread like wildfire on Facebook, the Davidsonville Salt web site, and DACA's web site. On Tuesday morning it was headlined in the Capital (thank you, Pat Furgurson) and smaller in the Baltimore Sun.

Thanks to Governor Larry Hogan, County Executive Steve Schuh, Senator Ed Reilly, Delegates Sid Saab and Mike Malone, and their able assistants; and to Michelle Corkadel, AA County Constituent Services Officer.

Thanks also to State Highway Administrator Greg Johnson and the recently named District 5 Engineer Tim Smith. The decision, helped along no doubt by the community's strong clamor, came from SHA that the proposed salt barn would not be needed. As the project had not yet been funded, SHA decided to maximize the use of its existing salt facilities in Annapolis, Odenton, Tracy's Landing, Southdale and Glen Burnie.

Next step for the State: Get the land restored to the Scible family so this threat will not be repeated. Return it to them, or at least allow them to buy it back – for the same price they received more than 50 years ago!

Now enjoy some end of year celebrations!

Thanksgiving is coming and everyone wants to have a great dinner and watch football on the fourth Thursday of November. But wait! Everyone should give thanks for all the blessings of this life and be grateful for "No Salt." This excellent community makes it easy to get to church with our neighbors on Thanksgiving Eve and relax on Thursday (except the cook!).



Join your neighbors on Wednesday evening, November 25, at 7:00 pm. The annual Thanksgiving Eve Community service will be held at Union Memorial United Methodist Church, 3328 Davidsonville Road (Rt. 214) in Davidsonville, hosted by the Rev. Paulette V. Jones, Pastor. You'll meet folks from Holy Family, All Hallows, and Davidsonville UMC, and hear familiar prayers and sing familiar hymns. Everyone is welcome!

Sing Handel's Messiah

Or just listen to your well-voiced South County neighbors as we open the Christmas season on Sunday, November 29, 4:00 pm with the 29th Annual Messiah Sing-Along at St. James Church, Route 2 and 258, in Lothian.

See page 4

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DACA members and news

Welcome back Robby and Cathy Hall and many thanks for their generous gift to DACA in addition to their membership dues.

Thanks to Christopher Gizzell for his gift to DACA in addition to renewing his ad. See page 14.

Thanks also to Jeff Bishop for his registration as a sponsor for 2016 Green Expo in addition to renewing his ad in the Villager, page 4.

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Thank you DACA for your service to the community. It's not easy and it's not always appreciated.

JHB



DACA is pleased to welcome Alison James to the Green Expo committee. She has jumped right in and will manage communications with our exhibitors and sponsors. We were sorry to lose board member Amy Richardson as her schedule has unexpectedly become too crowded to allow her to give the time she had planned to spend on DACA and our Green Expo.



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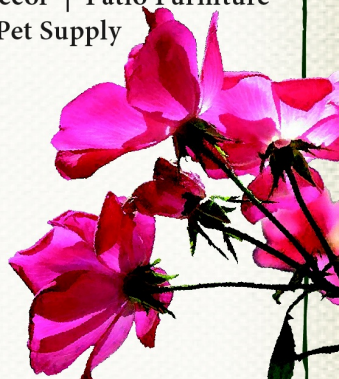
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A mighty oak has fallen

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The 29th Annual Messiah Sing-Along

Sunday, November 29, 2015, 4:00 pm

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 Michael S. Ryan, Director
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Jason Buckwalter, Baritone

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Meetings are regularly scheduled in the conference room of Ford Hall:

First Thursday each month except June and July
 DACA board meets at 8:00 pm. In June the Annual meeting of the DACA members is held in the Boy Scout building. The board does not meet in July.

Second Thursday every other month: DFRC board
 Second Monday AA County Farmers Market board
 Third Wednesday: Coast Guard Auxiliary
 Every Friday: Girl Scouts Service Unit 47.

Second Wednesday: DC Boy Scout Council meets in the Bassford Boy Scout Building. All Troop 454 Boy Scouts and Cubs meet in the Bassford Building.

Third Thursday: Pre-K Co-op nursery school board.
 Fourth Thursday: Davidsonville Dance Club board.
 Sunday afternoon: National Capital Radio/Television.



DACA’s Board of Directors is gearing up for Green Expo 2016. Jean Marie Hofstetter, Principal of Davidsonville Elementary, has given us the go-ahead to hold it at the school for the third year on March 12 from 10:00 until 2:00.

The Green Expo Committee sent out Save the Date messages to about 200 past and potential exhibitors, sponsors, and volunteers, along with registration forms for sponsors and exhibitors, businesses and non-profit organizations. We welcome Alison James to DACA’s board and our newest Green Expo Committee member.

Residential Concrete Services (RCS) became our first registered Green Expo 2016 Sponsor. Exhibitors already registered include Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association, Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Watershed Restoration and Protection, Boy Scout Troop 454, and we have promises of more. We’ve ordered the seedling trees to give away. We’re getting a good start!

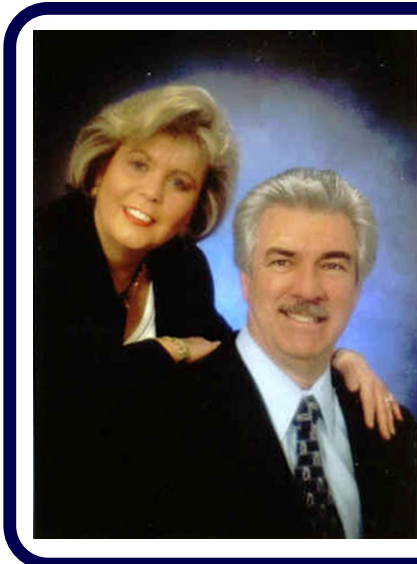
Thanks to Ann Fligsten and Growth Action Network for promoting DACA’s Green Expo in their notices to members.

Go to DACA’s web site www.daca-md.org for more information about previous Green Expos, to review previous *Villagers*, and to join DACA. We are also on Facebook, thanks to our web master Melissa Stanton.

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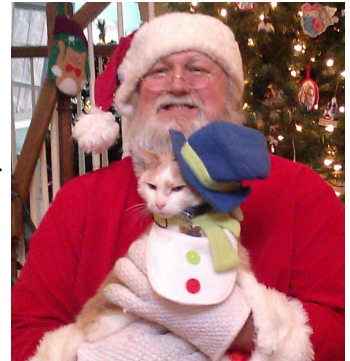
Santa Claws is coming to Crunchies Pet Foods! Rude Ranch Animal Rescue will hold our annual Photos with Santa Claws at Crunchies, located at 2421 Crofton Lane (enter from the end of #424) on Saturday, December 12, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.



Each participant will get a portrait photo of their session with Santa and a keepsake ornament. Santa will sit with any kind of pet, kids, or family. Total cost will be \$14! (Digital Download of all photos taken that day will be an extra \$5). For more information call 443.607.6496 or email info@ruderanch.org.

Proceeds of all visits with Santa Claws will benefit Rude Ranch Animal Rescue and the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook. Rude Ranch Animal Rescue is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of homeless animals in the Maryland and Washington, DC area. All donations are tax deductible. We receive no government funding. Your donation of a few dollars or a few hours of your time can go a long way to helping our cause.

The Spay Spa & Neuter Nook was created by Rude Ranch Animal Rescue to provide high quality low cost spay and neuter services to residents of Anne Arundel County and surrounding areas. Our goal is to work towards a day when we no longer euthanize healthy animals because of pet overpopulation. To learn more about the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook, go to www.SpaySpa.org.



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On Davidsonville’s roads

Park and Ride lot

DACA Vice President Ed has been monitoring the Park and Ride lot since commuters began leaving their cars lined up on the roadside of route 424. On November 5 he reported that construction seems to be on schedule to be complete this month. Striping is done for 450 spaces. The stormwater remediation pond is in place; islands will be landscaped. The lighting is much brighter than before. The most visible evidence is that no cars are parked on the roadside; commuters are using the new section and empty spaces are available.

The next challenge: Will SHA replace the many trees that were sacrificed for this necessary reconfiguring of the landscape?

Welcome to Davidsonville

For about four years Bob Carobrese has been working on a community improvement project of a welcome sign, to be placed on the east side of Davidsonville Road where it curves to the south just beyond the Rutland Road turn. It will be on the hill directly in front of cars arriving from #424 and #50. That hill was piled up from dirt left by SHA when it first built the Park and Ride lot, and DACA needed to wait until we were sure that SHA would not reclaim the dirt

for this current construction. Initial estimates from sign builders were high, so DACA volunteers will provide the labor and DACA will pay for the materials. It will be constructed of MDF, a hard synthetic material suitable for outdoors use.

Bob submitted the plans and specifications to SHA for their approval so we can get the permits. The application and his follow-up inquiries have been referred from one SHA department to another, with no results despite his many phone calls. It’s time to call the politicians.

The Governors Bridge

In August, DACA wrote to Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker and AA County Executive Steven Schuh, asking for prompt repairs and a speedy reopening of the Governors Bridge. As of November 14 we have received no response from Prince George’s County. AA Co Executive Schuh replied that he received the letter and forwarded it to the State Highway Administration, but they also have not responded. Ed noted that if money is the main concern, the counties could seek funding from the state, as it involves more than one county.

DACA has invited SHA Administrator Gregory Johnson and District 5 Engineer Tim Smith to meet with the Board of Directors at its December meeting.

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School news: Citizen Advisory Council

Thanks to Debbie Oakes, past member of the Board of Education’s Citizen Advisory Council for providing DACA with news from Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and to her husband, DACA board member Ron Oakes for bringing her reports to DACA. The CAC’s task is to advise the Board of Education on countywide issues impacting policy, activities, and programs.

When Debbie left the CAC, she was succeeded by Kelly Purnell. Kelly wrote in October that she had been appointed to represent the families and community members in the South River Cluster Elementary Schools that feed into Central Middle and South River High School. She will update us on the CAC Executive Panel’s meetings, goals and needs throughout the school year. The CAC meets at least four times a year and brings county-wide issues related to educational needs and services to the Board of Education. Debbie sent a report on the CAC’s November 8 meeting, here excerpted.

Superintendent George Arlotto addressed the group about the efforts to increase hiring of minority teachers, the challenges we face with the increased population of ESL students, the challenges of the increasing homeless population of AA County (over 1,000 students) and the 33 percent poverty rate among students, and rewriting

the elementary school curriculum, as well as expanding Triple-E programs. He addressed questions from members regarding large class sizes, the current “work to rule” environment that some schools are experiencing, Challenge Schools vs. Title 1 schools, as well as Pre-K expansion and the funding issues.

The CAC formed several subcommittees to look at various issues this year. These include:

- School Supply List/Senior Expenses (and how some of them may have unnecessary items as well as be overly expensive/too costly for some families)
- Equity (how to attack opportunity and achievement gaps)
- Communication (between the school system and families/students, how to increase and improve communication)
- Curriculum/Instruction/Testing (most immediately, looking at schools’ “re-do” policies as well as how quarterly assessments, as well as other tests, are related to overall student achievement)

I volunteered to sit on the Curriculum/Instruction/Testing committee, which clearly encompasses an overly large topic. If you have any thoughts, concerns, comments that you would like to share, please let me know. Kelly Purnell, 571-216-4508 (Next page please)



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More school news: Anne Arundel County Board of Education

Ron Oakes continues to bring reports to DACA on Board of Education issues. He brought recent information about the Board's November meeting.

The BGE recently approved a new policy to replace semester final exams with quarterly assessments beginning in the 2016-17 year. Grades three through twelve will be tested during normal class time. This will alter the way semester grades are calculated for high school students. Quarterly assessments will account for ten percent of a student's semester grade. The average of the two quarterly grades will be the semester grade.

The BGE approved a negotiated agreement with AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) Local 1693 which represents teachers, for fiscal year 2016. The agreement provides a two percent compensation increase retroactive to July 1, 2015, and one additional day of leave.

Board members are concerned about Governor Hogan's request, at the behest of the County Executive, to reopen the School Board nominations. The previous term expired on June 30, leaving two seats unfilled since then. For those seats there are four nominees, two of whom, Solon Webb and Debra Ritchie, are filling their own expired terms. Schuh wants more names for the Governor to select from for appointments. In 2007, the School Board Nominating Commission replaced the School Board Nominating Convention. Commissioners are appointed, five by the Governor as

representatives of the five Legislative Districts within Anne Arundel County (21, 30, 31, 32, and 33), one by the County Executive, one from the Teachers Association of AA County, one from the Annapolis and Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce; one from the Anne Arundel County Council of PTAs; one from the Anne Arundel County Community College Board of Trustees; and one from the Association of Education Leaders. Commissioners serve four year terms and the Chairman of the Commission is named by the Governor and must be selected from one of the Legislative District appointments. The Governor may reappoint the Chairman for a second term. The School Board Nominating Commission met on November 17.

November 23-27, schools are closed for Parent-Teacher conferences Monday and Tuesday, Thanksgiving holiday Wednesday-Friday.

AACPS has a new web site for STEM Magnet Programs for fifth through eighth grades. Applications to STEM are due by noon, December 2, 2015. Apply on line at www.aacpsadvancedstudies.org/aacps/magnet.

The school board heard questions but did not discuss later school start time. Melissa Stanton is active in seeking to have school start later in the morning as part of a national campaign to let high school students get on the school bus after daybreak instead of in the dark. It will also enable students' learning time to synchronize with their circadian rhythm.

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Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From? A brief introduction to Aquifer Recharge

by Bill Klepczynski, reprinted from CEPA's Fall 2015 newsletter

This article is intended to be a brief introduction to understanding aquifers and how they relate to water shortages. It also outlines in general some steps that can be taken to alleviate shortages.

An aquifer is a geologic formation from which groundwater can be pumped for domestic, municipal, or agricultural use. Often, aquifers are separated from one another by a geological formation that permits little or no water to flow between them. These geological barriers can be entirely impermeable, or simply less permeable than the aquifer. Describing the diversity of aquifer size and location, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) states that, "An aquifer may be only a few feet thick, or tens to hundreds of feet thick. It may lie a few feet below the land surface to thousands of feet below and may underlie thousands of square miles, or just a few acres." Ground Water, USGS (1999).

There are two major types of aquifers: unconfined and confined. An unconfined aquifer has the water table as an upper boundary; water may percolate directly into the aquifer from the surface. A confined aquifer, on the other hand, is sandwiched between impenetrable layers such as bedrock or clay. Often, a confined aquifer is under so much pressure that drilling a borehole into it will cause the water in the aquifer to rise above the water table level and even, at times, emerge above the surface, becoming an artesian well.

Most of the water supply for Anne Arundel County comes from groundwater supplied by the confined Patuxent, Patapsco, Magothy and Aquia aquifers. Groundwater is a variable resource because the circulation of water through the earth and the atmosphere is dynamic. Constant replenishment, changing demand, and widely varying environmental conditions mean that the availability of groundwater can be

measured only on a site-specific basis. Confined aquifers receive recharge from areas where water-bearing formations crop out on the surface from leakage through confining beds and through movement of water from adjacent aquifers. They are much less vulnerable to drought conditions. The age of the water in an aquifer is an indication of the rate at which the aquifer can be recharged or refilled naturally. The older the water in the aquifer, the longer it has taken and will take for the water to build up in the aquifer. This means that it will not be recharged naturally in a short period of time.

The City of Annapolis owns and operates its own water supply system and uses groundwater from the Magothy and Patapsco aquifers. Fort Meade also has its own private water system that includes six groundwater wells. A study by David Andreasen in 2007 indicates that sufficient ground water is available to supply the projected demand from the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works well fields through 2040, while at the same time supplying ground water to other users in Anne Arundel County and the surrounding counties (including Baltimore City) at permitted levels, averaging about 73 million gallons per day. Thus, if withdrawals are optimized to minimize drawdown from the wells, the predicted water levels will not fall below the State-mandated management level near the well fields by the end of the study period to 2044.

However, demand on the water supplied by the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works is projected to increase nearly two fold or more by 2040, with an estimated maximum withdrawal of 140 million gallons per day. An increase of that magnitude could cause significant drawdown resulting in some (Next page please)

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Your drinking water: Intro to Aquifers, from page 10 water levels falling below the regulatory management level, well operational problems, and increased pumping costs.

Increasing demand for water has shown that the extensive groundwater reservoirs formed by aquifers are invaluable [read essential] for water supply and storage. Natural replenishment of this vast supply of groundwater is very slow. Therefore, exploiting groundwater at a rate greater than it can be replenished causes groundwater levels to decline and, if not corrected, eventually leads to the elimination of the usable groundwater supply.

Artificial Aquifer Recharge (AR) is the enhancement of natural ground water supplies using man-made conveyances such as infiltration basins or injection wells. Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) is a specific type of aquifer recharge practiced with the purpose of both augmenting ground water resources and recovering the water in the future for various uses.

AR and ASR wells are found in areas of the U.S. that have high population density and proximity to intensive agriculture; increasing demand on ground water for drinking water and agriculture; and/or limited ground or surface water availability. AR wells, for example, have been utilized to deter salt water intrusion into freshwater aquifers and to control land subsidence. While an AR well is used only to replenish the water in an aquifer, ASR wells are used to achieve two objectives: (1) storing water in the ground; and (2) recovering the stored water, using the same well or by pairing injection wells with recovery wells located on the same well field. ASR wells have been used to store and recover water for drinking water supplies, irrigation, and more recently, ecosystem restoration projects such as the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project.

Injection via wells is regulated by the EPA Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program. Although ASR includes the recovery of the injected water, the UIC program does not regulate recovery.

For our area, the USGS measures groundwater levels in approximately 470 coastal plain aquifer wells in order to understand short and long term changes within the water table and confined aquifers. These data help quantify aquifer response to recharge events and various stresses such as drought and groundwater pumping for domestic, public, or industrial supply, including withdrawals for power plants in southern Maryland. However, these studies do not include artificial methods for recharging the aquifers!

There are other ways to increase our water supplies. Some have suggested building a pipeline to supply cities with water from rural, wetter regions. Serious proposals for pipelines from Alaska in the 1990s and far Northern California in the 1970s were rejected as too expensive.

The world's largest supply is right off the coast—ocean water. Two desalination plants are coming online in Southern California. Making seawater drinkable is expensive because it takes so much energy. Also, the distilled water is so acidic that it must be rebalanced or it will corrode the pipes that carry it.

Treated sewage from a sanitation plant which has been filtered, chemically doctored, and zapped with ultraviolet light has also been suggested. It is most important that the health and regulatory aspects of groundwater recharge with recycled municipal wastewater include practical recommendations to guide decision makers. At present, uncertainties about health risk considerations have limited the use of recycled municipal wastewater for groundwater recharge.

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How can individual homeowners conserve water?

In the same issue of CEPA's newsletter, Gary Antonides describes the use of gray water, left from washing machines, showers, bathtubs, and bathroom sinks. It can be used for landscape irrigation or toilet flushing. Waste water from toilets (and usually kitchen sinks) is considered black water and must go into a sanitary sewer system.

Maryland is encouraging the reuse of partially treated waste water in commercial or public facilities—especially for places like golf courses—and other types of irrigation, power generation, and toilet flushing. Presently, about two percent of water from Maryland's waste water treatment plants is used in this manner. In its "Zero Waste Maryland" plan at http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Marylander/Documents/Zero_Waste_Plan_Draft_12.15.14.pdf the state has the goal of increasing in steps from two to 40 percent by 2040. This magnitude of reuse already occurs in some other states. Florida, for example, reused 45 percent of its wastewater in 2012.

The "Zero Waste Maryland" plan does not address systems that can be used by individual homeowners. Some states do not require permits for simple plans. Adoption of such systems will involve educating the

public, but we can learn much from the experience in western states.

Using gray water in private homes requires more stringent care. Precautions are generally required when using gray water. It should not be stored more than 24 hours because it does contain some pathogens that will grow and the water will become stagnant and dangerous to use. It should not be sprinkled on lawns because some of the pathogens will become airborne and could be breathed in. In fact, it should not be accessible to people or pets at all when used for irrigation. It should be used only for subsurface irrigation, and the irrigated plants should have a bed of gravel and/or wood chips next to them or surrounding them to absorb the gray water. There should also be a way to bypass the irrigation system if there is too much water, such as after a recent rain, or during the winter, or when using bleach or washing diapers. Ecologically friendly soap should be used.

There are simple systems that meet these requirements and involve only simple additions to existing plumbing. On average, about 30 percent of residential water use is outside the home. About 25 percent is used for washing clothes, so laundry-to-landscape could reduce water use considerably.

You can see Gary Antonides's full article at www.cepaonline.org, with diagrams.

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In praise of citizens

A letter from Delegate Michael Malone

November 12, 2015

Dear Gail,

As you all are now aware, SHA announced that there will be no salt barn built in Davidsonville.

While it was helpful to have elected representatives opposing the building of the salt barn, the “no salt barn” decision is truly a testament to the grass roots initiative that exists within the Davidsonville community. The hard work put forth by the Davidsonville residents working alongside the Scible family to oppose this structure was the main reason for the decision not to build the dome. Your effort and voices were heard and respected by the State Highway Administration (SHA).

The residents of Davidsonville came together, in an orderly and pragmatic way, rallying behind the family and the farm that the community has come to cherish. The community meetings pointed out how important the Y Worry Farm is to the area with the “pumpkin patch and Christmas tree stand” as well as other seasonal festivities. Mark Scible was quoted as saying, “I didn’t realize how much people care.”

Since being appointed as your state delegate so late in the session last year, the last few months have been a humbling experience seeing our citizens fight for causes within their communities. It is that effort and pride that will continue to motivate me to listen to concerns, and work very hard to make our constituents in Anne Arundel County proud of their representatives and their communities where they work and play.

Thank you for your hard work and effort to oppose this facility.

Sincerely,
Michael Malone.

Growth Action Network

Starting now, GAN opens its 2016 membership drive. Since many members responded at the end of last year, we decided to repeat our year-end membership appeal for the upcoming year. To keep our records straight, we ask that you fill out a membership form and return it with your check to GAN, P.O. Box 748, Arnold, MD 21012.

Your 2016 dues will be deductible in 2015 as long as GAN receives your check on or before December 31, 2015. You can find and download the 2016 form for individuals and organizations at https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2b3447cfb49fe40d18a5dac78/files/2016_Membership_Form.doc.

On December 9, the County Council will take up the marijuana bill as heavily amended. Two bills relating to zoning and school capacity are on the agenda for a hearing that night as well. One would allow an informal channel from the Board of Education to the Office of Planning and Zoning if there is a change in school capacity. This would bypass the County Council review. The other bill would allow grocery stores, under certain conditions, to be located in C2 zoning; normally C2 is for office use. Go to <http://www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/pendingLegis.cfm> for agendas for both meetings and copies of bills.

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Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary staff and friends celebrated the official 30th birthday of the wetlands sanctuary on November 7, with live music, games, guided hikes, kids' crafts, and food. Located at 1361 Wrighton Road, Lothian, MD 20711.

Phone 410-741-9330, and operated by Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary consists of 1,700 acres of open water, tidal freshwater marshes, forested wetlands, upland and riparian forest, creeks, meadows, pine and sand barrens, and fields along the Patuxent River. The web site is at www.jugbay.org.

Our mission is to increase awareness, understanding, and appreciation of estuarine and other natural ecosystems and their conservation through outdoor education, research, stewardship, and volunteering. Registration is required for all programs. To register, please call 410-741-9330 or send an e-mail to programs@jugbay.org for information, directions and updates to our schedule. Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary is open to the public 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The Glendening Preserve is open to the public 9:00 am - 5:00 pm every day for hiking, but closed on holidays.

November 28 – Post Turkey 5K. Run off those calories on the beautiful scenic trails of the Glendening Preserve. On line registration <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks>

Guided Birdwalk

First Saturday of the month; 8:00 – 11:00 am

Holiday Wreath Workshop

Saturday, Dec 5; 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Fun for the Family: Preschool Nature Series

First Friday of the month; 10:00 – 11:00 am

The cemeteries of All Hallows Parish



The Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation held its 2015 awards presentation on October 28 at All Hallows Brick Church on Solomons Island Road. The Historic Preservation and Archeology Awards are presented to noteworthy volunteers for their work in various phases of preservation: improving buildings and places and researching archives for more information. All Hallows Parish was honored to receive the 40th Annual Orlando Ridout Prize for its excellent work of restoring and preserving its historic cemeteries.

In 2008, the cemetery committee of Bridget Blake, Joan Placido, and Jim Lloyd turned their attention to the neglected churchyards and grave markers damaged by age, over-zealous tree trimmers, lawnmowers, and weed whackers. They engaged Raymond Cannetti, a historic stone conservator, to advise them and to repair and restore the markers. Among the burials can be found major figures in of colonial history and veterans of the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War, both World Wars, and the Korean and Vietnam wars. The committee discovered significant stones that had been buried by shifting soil over time. They have restored more than 80 monuments so far and a number of preservations are under way.



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The Byzantium Banquet Center
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Rising Stars

Sunday, April 10, 2016, 3:00 - 6:00
Three concerto movements by the three winners of the LSO's annual Young Artist Competition
Maryland Hall for the Performing Arts
801 Chase Street, Annapolis

Recycle!

You can recycle plastic grocery bags, stuffed in a plastic bag, but it is best to take them back to the grocery store's bag collection bin, because they can gum up the county's plastic cleaning machinery.

For the same reason, yard waste should be stuffed into large paper bags, not plastic bags. Even better, mulch your leaves into compost.

Branches less than four inches in diameter and no more than four feet long can be tied into bundles and put out for pick-up on your regular trash collection day.



After Christmas, the county will collect Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands. Please remove the tree stand, tree bag, and ornaments and hangers.

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